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as a separate compilation.

RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1969:—

BILL No. XIX OF 1969

A Bill to amend the Press Council Act, 1965.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Twentieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Press Council (Amendment) Act, 1969. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 30th day of June, 1969. of ment.

2. In section 5 of the Press Council Act, 1965 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1A) Notwithstanding the expiry of the period of office specified by sub-section (1), read with sub-section (4) or sub-section (5), as the case may be, the Chairman and other members holding office as such on the 1st day of July, 1969, shall continue to hold such office until the 31st day of March, 1970:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to a member who ceases to be a member before the 31st day of March, 1970, by reason of the provisions of sub-section (2), or whose term of office expires before that date by reason of the provisions of sub-section (3).".

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3. (1) The Press Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 1969, is hereby repealed.

5 of 1969.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act as amended by this Act.

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 5 of the Press Council Act, 1965 provides that the Chairman and other members of the Press Council shall hold office for a period of three years. The first Chairman assumed charge on the 4th July, 1966 and the names of the 25 members of the Council were notified on the 16th November, 1966.

2. The first Chairman resigned his office w.e.f. 1st March, 1968 and the new Chairman appointed in his place, assumed charge on the 4th May, 1968. According to sub-section (5) of section 5 of the Act, a casual vacancy of the Chairman or a member is filled by fresh appointment and the person so appointed holds office for the remaining period for which the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office. The term of office of the Chairman expired on 3rd July, 1969 and that of the members of the Council expires on the 15th November, 1969.

3. As a result of discussions in the Rajya Sabha in December, 1967, Government appointed an Advisory Committee on the Press Council to study the Press Council Act and to suggest amendments to it as may be considered necessary in order to make the Press Council to enlist for the Council full and effective co-operation from all sections of the press and public and to enable it to play its due role in preserving the freedom of the press and improve standards of journalism in the country. One of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee was that the term of office of the present Chairman and other members of the Council should be made co-terminus which practice should obtain for future Councils also. The Government accepted this recommendation. As the Parliament was not in session and as the term of the present Chairman was to expire on 3rd July, 1969, an Ordinance was issued on the 30th June, 1969 extending the term of office of the Chairman from 4th July, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 and of the members of the Press Council from 16th November, 1969 to 31st March, 1970.

4. The Bill replacing the Ordinance seeks to achieve this object.

SATYA NARAYAN SINHA.

NEW DELHI;  
*The 24th July, 1969.*

**FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM**

The Bill contemplates replacement of the Press Council (Amendment) Ordinance No. 5 of 1969 which was issued on 30th June, 1969 to amend section 5 of the Press Council Act, 1965 to the extent that the term of office of the Chairman was extended from 4th July, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 and of members from 16th November, 1969 to 31st March 1970. A Budget provision of Rs. 3,06,500 has been made under demand No. 64 under Major Head '71' C—Miscellaneous, C-2—Grant-in-aid, Contribution, etc. Press Council of India for giving grant-in-aid to the Press Council for the performance of its functions during the financial year 1969-70. The Ordinance extended the term of office of the present Chairman and the members of the Council, involving an expenditure of about Rs. 2,13,750. This expenditure would have been incurred, if the same or some other Chairman|Members had been reappointed/appointed to their respective offices.

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B. N. BANERJEE,  
*Secretary.*